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USMISSION GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE
1. MINISTER SPIERS CALLED ON FCO MINISTER OF STATE HATTERSLEY TODAY FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON ON EVE OF HATTERSLEY'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HATTERSLEY'S COMMENTS ON MBFR, CSCE, PORTUGAL, AND UK-EC RELATIONS MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

2. MBFR. HATTERSLEY SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO MAKE CLEAR TO WASHINGTON THAT HE AND OTHER MINISTERS FULLY SHARE
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CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO OPTION III ALREADY VOICED TO US BY

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FCO OFFICIALS (REFTELS). THE OPTION III CARD HAS TO BE PLAYED, HE SAID, NOT JUST TOROMOTE MOBILITY, BUT WHEN AND IF WE CAN GET A FIRM PRECISE PRICE FROM THE SOVIETS IN RETURN. THE WHOLE QUESTION, HE SAID, NEEDS TO BE PROOERLY DISCUSSED.

3. CSCE. HATTERSLEY EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE WEST COULD GET GREATER CONCESSIONS OUT OF THE SOVIETS ON CBMS, BUT QUICKLY CONCEDED THAT IF IT CAME TO A CRUNCH, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT SUMMIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF SUCCESS NO LATER THAN THE END OF JULY. IN OTHER WORDS, HE SAID, CALLAGHAN "WON'T BROOK ANY QUIBBLES FROM ME." AT THE SAME TIME HE MADE CLEAR THAT CALLAGHAN APPRECIATED AND INTENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS OF NEUTRALS AND OF THE FRG REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS.

4. PORTUGAL. DISCUSSING EC VIEWS OF THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, HATTERSLEY SAID THAT THE UK AND FRG WERE THE MOST PESSIMISTIC OF THE NINE AND CAME CLOSEST IN THEIR APPRAISAL TO THE VIEWS OF THE USG. HE AND OTHER HMG MINISTERS WERE "NATURALLY CAUTIOUS," HE SAID, AND THE FRG WAS CAUTIOUS BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL FOR ANY MALOR EC ECONOMIC AID OROGRAM.

5. UK-EC RELATIONS. HATTERSLEY STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FOOTDRAGGING BY BRITAIN OVER FULL PARTICIPATION IN EC. HE NOTED THAT MANY ERSTWHILE ANTI-MARKET MINISTERS AND TRADE UNION LEADERS WERE NOW QUEUING UP TO SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR PARTICIPATING IN EC ORGANS. THE MECHANICS OF COOPERATION, THEREFORE, ARE BEYOND DISPUTE, HE SAID, BUT THE SPIRIT OF THAT COOPERATION STILL REMAINED TO BE DECIDED. ON THE QUESTION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROOEAN PARLIAMENT, FOR INSTANCE, HATTERSLEY, ALTHOUGH A LONG TIME PRO-MARKETEER, FAVORED A SLOW APPROACH. OTHERS, HOWEVER, HOPE TO PROMOTE FASTER EC INTEGRATION AND MATTER WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE THRASHED OUT IN CABINET.

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